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Applicant:	BLACH ET AL.	Examiner:	G. DAWSON
Serial No.:	09/438,676	Group Art Unit:	3761
Filed:	NOVEMBER 12, 1999	Docket No.:	12460.1USC4
Title:	NASAL SUPPORT DEVICE FOR DOMESTIC MAMMALS AND METHOD		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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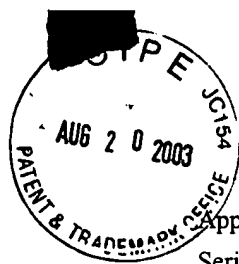
Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003. In view of the following amendments and response, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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The fee has been calculated as shown below in the "Claims as Amended" table  
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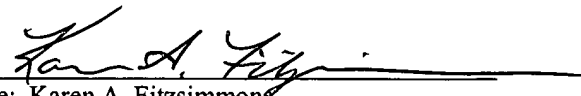
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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims								
36	-	33	=	3	x	9.00	=	\$27.00
Independent Claims								
5	-	5	=	0	x	42.00	=	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE								\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE								\$27.00

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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